



ImproVal

Competencies
acquired through
volunteering activities
need to be better
recognised
in society!

Improving validation in the volunteering sector

The ImproVal project aims to provide a synthesis of the work undertaken in the EU on the **validation of volunteering experience**. It will do so by bringing together the coordinators of a number of previous validation projects, making known the **methods, tools** and **thinking** behind validation of learning in the voluntary sector, in a validation compendium, conducting a small-scale study on the usefulness of validation for volunteers, and by encouraging a dialogue between relevant stakeholders locally, nationally and at European level.

More and more people and organisations are becoming aware of the **educational value of volunteering**, and of validation opportunities for the voluntary sector. At the same time, **no bridges between projects** have been created, which includes the risk of reinventing the wheel on one side, and “missing links” on the other side.

To address these issues, ImproVal partners will develop three **main results**:



MAPPING OF EUROPEAN TOOLS FOR VALIDATION

It will be a **synthesis of the tools** used in the voluntary sector to validate competences. Detailed information on each tool will be combined with a **mapping overview** of where they are implemented in the **28 EU countries**.

STUDY ON VALIDATION IN VOLUNTEERING

The study will look at the **outcomes and impact of the validation of volunteers' competences**. The results will be published in a scientific journal.



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Toward the end of the project, partners will build upon the previous results in order to provide **recommendations for the European voluntary sector**.

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